

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In view of applicants' response, particularly providing an affidavit from Dr. Markus Grob asserting that instant composition shows unexpected/superior synergistic effect which is not obvious, the prior art 102 and 103 rejection over Fletcher et al., made in the previous office action have been obviated.

The compositions and the process of stabilizing embraced in claims 1-16 were not found to be anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art of record. Additional search in the related art area also did not yield any prior art teaching or suggesting the compositions or the process of stabilizing using the composition of instant claims 1-16. Therefore, the examiner noted that the claims 1-16 would be in condition for allowance. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be addressed to Venkataraman Balasubramanian (Bala) whose telephone number is (571) 272-0662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8.00 AM to 6.00 PM. The Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) of the art unit 1624 is James O. Wilson, whose telephone number is 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (571) 273-8300. Any

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inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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